

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1. (Currently amended) A bailer, comprising:

an elongate tubular body having ~~a first~~ an externally threaded uppermost end and  
~~a second end~~ an externally threaded downspout;

a handle mounted to said externally threaded uppermost end, said handle  
protruding upwardly from said uppermost end of said elongate tubular body;

a first internally threaded imperforate cap adapted to fit onto said externally  
threaded uppermost end of said elongate tubular body, said first imperforate cap  
preventing liquid fluid from flowing out of said first uppermost end independently of the  
position of the bailer;

said first internally threaded imperforate cap having a depth sufficient to  
accommodate said handle;

said second end having a one-way valved opening so that liquid fluid may flow  
into said elongate tubular body when said bailer is immersed in a body of liquid fluid and  
so that said liquid fluid is substantially prevented from flowing out of said elongate  
tubular body when said bailer is lifted from said body of liquid fluid;

~~an~~ a second internally threaded imperforate cap adapted to fit onto said second  
~~end of said elongate tubular body~~ externally threaded downspout, said second internally  
threaded imperforate cap preventing liquid fluid from flowing out of said second end of  
~~said elongate tubular body~~ externally threaded downspout independently of the position  
of the bailer.

Claims 2-6 (cancelled)

Claims 7-12 (withdrawn)